

spent toiling over whether that money should be spent. We are not talking about a lot of money here. We are going to be voting on a deficit appropriation that is going to total in the millions of dollars, programs that are mandated to us, that we have to fulfill. The money to ADC, \$1.6 million, that is going to go directly to the children in this state or the mothers in this state to support the children. Over \$2 million for child welfare, we are not shirking our responsibilities to the children in this state. What LB 392 does, though, is to keep some state employees employed, period. It is not going to reduce welfare benefits to children in this state, and it is not going to keep the offices open to help your constituents. It is going to keep employees working. That is it. The bill is being lobbied by NAPE, and I see nothing wrong with that. They represent the state employees, that is their union, and I can understand why they are supporting the bill because they have members that want to keep those jobs. But, understand, once you move LB 392, once you adopt LB 392, you are going to spend days on this floor rehashing the cuts that we made during the special session. Maybe they won't be in bill form, but they are going to be in amendment form. I am surprised at some of the state agencies that we have had come in with...they haven't actually come in, but their proposals, they are talking about making up for the cuts that they had in those special sessions that this Legislature decided upon. Now, I don't mind having some good fights over the budget where the cuts should be made but, my gosh, if we are going to have to relive the hours over some of those budget cuts, I just don't think that will be too enjoyable to this body, but that is what you are going to be deciding here.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: You are going to be deciding that, whether you want to rediscuss those issues. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Haberman, please, on the bill.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I hadn't spoke to the bill so I am going to take a few minutes to address the bill. Somebody mentioned that this might be a bill to protect someone else's turf, and I am ready to admit that I might have a turf protection interest in my soul, just the same thing as some other senators in this body who are not having any offices closed, they are keeping everything open, everything is